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In response to the final Office action dated March 12, 2001, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and comments.

## In the Claims

Cłaim 27, line 3, delete "public".

Pléase cancel claims 29-31.

#### REMARKS

Entry of the forgoing amendment is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F R. 1.116(b).

Claims 19-28 and 32-40 are pending after amendment. Claims 19-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 19-22, 24, 25, 27, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38 and 39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,365,520 issued to Wang et al. (hereinafter *Wang*). Claims 23, 26, 28, 34, 37 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wang*.

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